



**Embassy of the United States of America  
Mauritius**

**Call for Applications for the 2018-2019 Fulbright Foreign Student Program**  
**Deadline: May 22, 2017**

The Embassy of the United States of America invites applications for the Fulbright Foreign Student Program for the 2018/2019 academic year.

Grantees selected for degree study will be funded for a maximum of 2 years. All awards are contingent upon approval by the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board (FSB), availability of funds, and successful academic placement.

**1. Awards are granted as follows:**

- **Degree program:** One (1) to two (2) years of funding (depending on the degree length) towards one degree only - Master's or Ph.D. (Eligible grantees may apply for one renewal grant); or
- **Non-degree research:** Participation in an academic year (9-10 months) non-degree research program. (Grants are not renewable).

**2. Fields of Study:**

We welcome applications in all fields of study. However, while applicants are encouraged to apply for priority fields of study determined by the Government of Mauritius and available on the Ministry of Education and Human Resources website: <http://goo.gl/v3PoZR>. However, the U.S. Embassy encourages applications that focus on education, entrepreneurship/ innovation and the empowerment of women.

*Note: The program does not apply for Medicine, Law, Veterinary and Architecture.*

**3. Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicants must be citizens or nationals of Mauritius, or permanent residents holding a valid passport issued by the Republic of Mauritius.
- Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree recognized by U.S. universities.  
**Please note that a minimum standard of Second Class Second Division is required for a Master's degree.**





- Applicants must have a sufficient level of English proficiency to enable to engage in full-time graduate level study in the U.S.
- Applicants must meet the minimum scores on required standardized tests.
- Applicants have a high motivation and a serious commitment to completing the program as scheduled and to returning home.
- Applicants with no extensive or recent U.S. experience will be given preference.
- Preference will be given to applicants who are not currently studying abroad and/or who have not recently graduated from an international institution.
- No applicant may receive more than one Fulbright Student grant, including Humphrey Scholar alumni.

## 5. Funding:

**Fulbright funding is for a maximum of TWO years of funding in a master's degree or doctoral program.** Students accepted to degree programs less than two years are eligible to only receive funding through the designated period of degree completion – as stipulated by the host institution. **Master's applicants are given placement priority.**

Ph.D. candidates who secure funding from outside sources will remain under Fulbright visa sponsorship rather than have sponsorship transferred to the host institution. **Ph.D. candidates unable to secure funding for the additional years will return home without completing their degree.**

## 6. Applications:

Applications must be completed online at  
<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international>.

Please refer to the online application guidelines.

A complete application includes:

- (1) Duly filled Application Form (*please specify 2018-2019 cycle when you apply*)
- (2) Official transcripts with the degree certificates;
- (3) English translations of official documents where applicable;
- (4) Three references with at least 2 of them being academic and
- (5) Study Objectives and Personal Statements.

*Tip: Please avoid uploading irrelevant attachments such as certificates of attendance/participation when you submit your application online. Lengthy documents such as full degree theses are also discouraged.*





Applicants are encouraged to explore institutions outside Ivy League schools when they enter their university preferences in the application form.

Final selection/placement of candidates is determined by the Institute of International Education (IIE) based on test scores, the strength of their application, the availability of the field of study of the candidate at a given host institution and cost-sharing with the host institution/funding availability.

## 7. Testing:

The Foreign Student Program is extremely competitive and high test scores are crucial.

1. **TOEFL is required of all nominees.** A score of 575/90 is desirable; however, 600/100 is preferable. Candidates should take their first TOEFL by June 2017; candidates scoring less than 600/100 should re-take the TOEFL no later than October 2017.
2. **GRE is required for candidates in all fields except law and business.** Candidates should re-take the GRE if they are below the fiftieth percentile in either section. Pre-selected candidates will have to register for both paper-based exams scheduled in October and November exams.
3. **GMAT is required in the field of business in lieu of the GRE.** A minimum 550 GMAT score is required for Master's candidates; a minimum score of 600 is required for Ph.D. candidates. An application must submit a sufficient GMAT score for submission to universities.
4. **Pre-selected candidates will be exempt from test fees** by using fee exemption vouchers provided by International Institute of Education.

## 8. Add-on:

Portfolios of extracurricular activities are welcome. These, together with documents which could **not** be uploaded, can be sent to:

*Re: Fulbright Foreign Student Program  
The Public Affairs Section  
Embassy of the United States of America  
Rogers House, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, John Kennedy Street  
Port Louis*

Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview at which time, the originals of all documents must be produced. Incomplete applications **will not** be considered. Candidates must be available to go to the U.S. Embassy for an interview at which time originals of all documents **must** be presented.

